

# Greenwood Wins Optimist Title

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Greenwood Elementary School, paced by Doug Kelsey's two wins, snarled top honors on Saturday in the 14th annual Torrance Optimist Club's Elementary School track and field meet at North High.

Twenty-six elementary schools in Torrance participated with 456 entries in the eight events. The attendance was listed between 800-900.

Twelve members of the Optimist Club, under the direction of C. R. Graybehl and Torrance High track coach Irv Kasten, supervised and judged the events.

**GREENWOOD** won the meet crown with 19 points followed by Lincoln with 16 points, Nativity, St. Catherine Labour, Victor, Hamilton, Steele, Seaside, Meadow Park, Sepulveda and Torrance.

Also competing were Anza, Arlington, Yukon, Edison, Walteria, and Perry elementary schools.

**ALTHOUGH** Kelsey won both the 180-yard dash and the shot put, he failed to steal the individual show. Two new marks were recorded and one tied.

Tom Schmenaver from Nativity won the high jump at 5-3 3/4 to set a new mark, bettering the old standard set by Dick Truitt of Steele in 1956 by an even inch.

**JOEL HONS** set a new 70-yard hurdle standard by clocking the distance in 9.9 seconds to erase the record of 10.3 set by John Cambon of Madrona in 1958. Bart Johnson of Greenwood tied the football throw record by tossing the pigskin 165 feet. Steve McGuire of Torrance hit the same distance in 1958.

Following Hons in the 70-yard hurdles were Ken Solmans of Nativity, Eric Bramhall of Victor, Jerry Ball of St. Catherine, and Stephen O'Dell of Steele. Bramhall, Ball and O'Dell tied for third place.

**BEHIND** Johnson in the football throw were Steve Hart, Seaside; John Pleich, St. Catherine Labour; Eric Lillo, Victor, and Ray Alvord, Meadow Park, and Al Vera, Nativity, who tied for fifth place.

Kelsey won the shot put with a heave of 47-4 1/2 with Frank Caleres of Meadow Park second, and Steve Sharp, Hamilton; Ray Bigness, Arlington,

and Al Vera, Nativity, following.

**AL BOTTARO** went 17-4 1/2 in the broad jump for a first place with Mike Boal, Hamilton; Bob Ruppert, Sepulveda; Tom Hood, Victor, and Mark Hornbeck, Madrona, trailing.

In second place in the high jump, behind Schmenaver, was

Dick Guy, Hamilton, and Steve Eide of Lincoln third. Tying for fourth were Ken Solmans, Nativity; Danny Graham, St. Catherine; Mike Froom, St. Catherine; Duane Grim, Torrance, and Steve Renz, Victor.

**RUNNING THE 440** in 60.7 seconds, Mike Koury, St. Cath-

erine, beat Bart Johnson, Greenwood; Bart Thomas, Torrance; Ed Gillis, Nativity, and Tom Hood, Victor, to the tape. Gillis and Hood tied for fourth.

Snarring his second win of the afternoon, Kelsey edged Mike O'Brien, Nativity; John Futrell, Yukon; Al Bottaro,

Lincoln, and Don Vallens, Sepulveda, in the 180-yard dash with a time of 19.9 seconds.

Steve Combs of Perry won the 100-yard dash in 11.4 seconds with Frank Ruiterman, Seaside; Terry Flower, Anza; Mark Hornbeck, Madrona, and Craig Cochran, Lincoln, following.

## 'Cuties' Meet Elks Saturday

The Harlem Globetrotters of baseball, the California Cuties, will meet at 8 p.m. Saturday in Torrance Park to do battle with the Torrance Elks Club in a regulation seven inning softball game.

A hit with local fans last year, the Cuties combine talent with comedy. The team is composed of top-notch West Coast softball stars who dress and play in women's garb.

Now in their fifteenth season, the Cuties have compiled a record of 1026 wins against 138 losses. The squad capped its most brilliant season in 1961 with a spot on a national television show and an 18,000 mile tour of the Far East under the sponsorship of the Department of Defense.

**TICKETS ARE** on sale at the Torrance Elks Club, 1820 Abalone Ave., and the Torrance Park, Arlington at Santa Fe Avenue. Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for teenagers and children under 12 free.

Originated in Compton by owner and player Trino Palacios, the zany but talented Cuties use names such as Beulah, the world's smallest softball player who is 36-inches tall; Main Street Sally, Dumpty Dora, and Hefty Helen. Palacios parades as Liza Jane.

**ONE OF** the features of the Cuties family-type show has been their pre-game variety act. Their singing, dancing, pantomime, chorus line, and infield warmup have delighted millions of spectators.

## Top Cyclists Go After Standards

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## ECC Nine Wins Last Two Tilts

Finishing on the right foot El Camino baseballers closed out their Metropolitan Conference schedule Saturday on a red hot note by taking a double header from East Los Angeles.

Chuck Freeman's Warriors tripped the Huskies by scores of 6-5 and 4-2.

In the opener, the Camino horsehiders broke a 3-3 deadlock in the eighth inning with three runs, enough to turn back a spirited Huskie two-run rally in the final frame.

Jon Beck went seven innings but was taken out in the eighth and reliever Lance Valach received credit for the victory.

Hitting star for the Warriors was second baseman Gary Galger, who had two singles and scored a pair of runs.

In the finale, the Warriors struck in the first and held a slight lead for the remainder of the contest, winning by a 4-2 margin. Shortstop Neil Minami and catcher Ken Proctor paced the offense with two hits apiece.

tack on track records tomorrow night at Ascot Park, Gardena, when more than 100 of them whirl around the half-mile oval in an 18-event program sanctioned by the American Motorcycle Association.

The target of Jack O'Brien, Al Gunter and expert class speed mates will be the 15-lap main-event record of 5m.51.48, set by Gunter Aug. 24, 1962.

With competition for the two national dirt track leaders growing tighter every Friday night, a new record is most certainly within the realm of possibility.

**SAMMY TANNER**, Neil Keen, Ralph White, Don Hawley, Dick Hammer, Elliott Schultz, Dickie Mann, Mert Lawwill, Blackie Bruce and Roger Reini are among the handle-bar twisters who'll force O'Brien and Gunter to the limit.

Amateur and novice riders will also be after Ascot records in their divisions during the progressive program that culminates in a triple main-event.

**RACING** director J. Agajanian has announced another of the crowd-pleasing steeplechases over the twist, turn and jump course for Wednesday night, May 29, night before the Memorial Day holiday. This has become an annual event on Agajanian's busy racing calendar and one of the highlights of the year.

Racing starts at 8:30 p.m., one-lap qualifying at 7.

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